



## 1ST BATTALION, 50TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

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MAJ (Ret) Walter Donald "Don" Kinard, Sr.

June 17, 1937 - January 29, 2015

Columbus, GA- MAJ (Ret)Walter Donald "Don" Kinard, Sr., 77, of Columbus, GA, died Thursday, January 29, 2015 at his residence.

Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM Friday February 6, 2015 at Edgewood Presbyterian Church with Reverend George Haugan officiating. Interment with full military honors was held in Parkhill Cemetery.

Mr. Kinard was born June 17, 1937 in Columbus, GA, son of the late Walter T. Kinard and Ruby Whitten Kinard Allen. He retired from the U.S. Army after 21 years, having served two tours in Vietnam, including command of Company A, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry. He was awarded the Silver Star for Valorous action on January 15, 1969. Additional military decorations included the Bronze Star for Valor with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, ARCOM with oak leaf cluster, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist and Pathfinder. He served three tours as an instructor with the Airborne Department at Ft. Benning. He was employed at Columbus Mills as Industrial Relations Manager for 10 years, retiring in 1989. He was a member and Elder of Edgewood Presbyterian Church.



Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Alice Patricia "Pat" H. Kinard and a brother, Wayne Kinard.

Survivors include his son, Walter Donald Kinard, Jr. of Johnson City, TN; daughter, Kristin Kinard Jain (Ash) of Columbus, GA; grandsons, Jonathan Kinard and Benjamin Kinard both of Salt Lake City, UT, sisters, Judy Allen Forrester (Ronnie) of Newport, TN, Joyce Allen Kirkpatrick (Alan) of Locust NC, and Barbara Allen Ortiz (Luis) of Flintstone, GA.

